

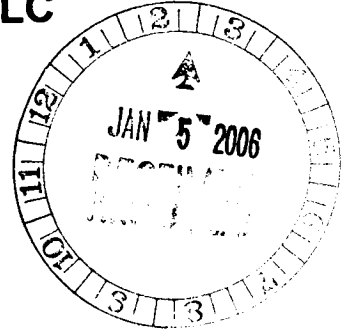
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January 6, 2006



Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 427X); BNSF Railway Company --
Abandonment Exemption-- in Barnes County, ND.

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments to abandon and discontinue service over an 8.00-mile line of railroad between milepost 0.00 near Sanborn, and milepost 8.00 near Rogers, in Barnes County, ND. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on January 24, 2005 (70 FR 3434). The exemption became effective on February 23, 2005. The current date of consummation is January 24, 2006.

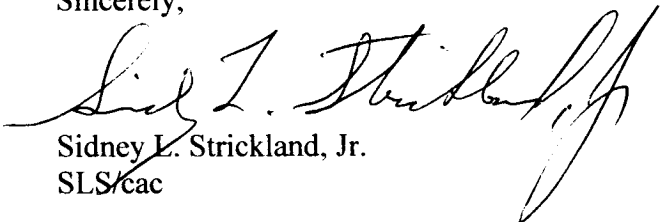
Winter weather conditions have hampered salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation date until July 1, 2006.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 295-4024.

Sincerely,


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